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Action Memorandum No. A-245

Date 21 MAY 1963

TO : Chairman, Executive Committee for Air Proprietaries

SUBJECT : Review of Agency Air Proprietary Projects

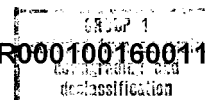
REFERENCE: A. CIA Air Activities 1963, TS 186709
B. Memorandum for the DDCI from the Comptroller,
dated 16 July 1962, same subject
C. Memorandum for the Executive Director from the
Comptroller, dated 22 January 1963, same subject

1. The Comptroller's recommendation that the survey of CIA Air Activities be referred to the Executive Committee for Air Proprietaries for consideration prior to review by the Financial Policy and Budget Committee is approved. Although the study contains the basic information requested by the Comptroller in July 1962 (reference B), this report is only the first step in a comprehensive review of the Agency air proprietary projects which the ExComAir will undertake.

2. It is therefore requested that the ExComAir use the information contained in referenced survey as background material for the preparation of a detailed analysis of current Agency air proprietary projects to determine if these projects have provided sufficient operational support to the operating components to justify the time and money we are presently spending. I think it is pertinent to note that the IG survey of air activities, dated February 1962, seriously questioned the operational value of nearly all of our air proprietaries. What I am interested in is a hard look and a realistic evaluation of the air proprietaries' contribution in support of Clandestine Services.

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same subject as above.

Just before departing on his Far East trip, the Executive Director requested that I follow up with you to assure that a response to reference memoranda from your committee would be awaiting his return. He acknowledged your interim correspondence and expressed his appreciation that the review suggested in reference is contingent to a large extent upon the concept paper for the air support program now under preparation in the DD/P. Recognizing this fact, he hoped that the long-awaited plan would clear the DD/P in sufficient time to permit your committee to commence the review and stimulate the necessary action which the reference requested. I pass this on for your action and preparation.

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